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They prepared for their journey and left Liverpool May 22, 1856 on the ship Horizon. They arrived in Boston June 30, and arrived in Iowa City July 8. They immediately set to work to prepare handcarts to go across the plains. They labored three weeks on their handcarts getting them in good condition for their long journey. At last July 28, they broke camp with Captain Martin and his company which consisted of 546 souls and 146 handcarts. They traveled only a short distance when some of the handcarts broke down. When this happened, the saints would repair them at night so that all the company could start together in the morning. Mary, though only a small girl walked with the rest, riding only when going down hill, getting off and walking again when the bottom was reached. It was a hard, tiresome journey. They were happy with only one thought in view, to reach Zion where they could worship God as they pleased, and be a free people. They sang the songs of Zion, never forgot to ask their Father in Heaven to guide them and bless them on their journey. October 8, they camped at Fort Laramie. The saints traded their watches and other things for food and provisions to help them on their travels over the weary plains.

They arrived in Salt Lake City Nov. 30. Mary's father was a very large man and when the company arrived at the Platte river they had to wade across. Peter waded the river twenty two times carrying the weak and the women. From this exposure he later contracted rheumatism.

Mary and her people settled in Kaysville for awhile. Here a son was born to the parents but he did not live long. They then moved down to the lake bottoms at Provo. They stayed a short time then John Crook senior went to Provo and May 1, 1864 moved the family to Heber. He gave them a city lot as a present if they would come with him. The Mayho home still stands on that lot.

Mary being the oldest in the family and her father not being able to work much, went out working at any kind of work there was to do, in the field or in the house. Two of the ladies she worked for were Mrs. Sawyer and Mrs. Miller. These two ladies went to California. She had the privilege of doing their temple work for them before she died.

On July 4, 1867, Mary married George M. Giles and to them were born nine children. Three of them are now dead. In 1879, diphtheria broke out among the people. Mother lost her second and third sons and oldest daughter in eight days. Sister Mary Crook and Maggie Hicken came in and helped mother to dress them, but father carried their bodies to the wagon and took them to the cemetery all alone, which I think is a hard thing to do. Mother was always kind to those in need, those who needed comfort and the old people. She always tried to do her duty both in the church and at home. She always taught her children to do right and to obey the commandments of the Lord. She always set them a good example.

Before the Wards were divided, she acted as counsler in the Relief Society to sister Sarah Cummings, and after they were divided, she acted as counsler to sister Sarah Carlile, which position she held until her

her health failed. When people were called upon by Bishop Rasband, to build a meeting house, Mother gave the first fifty dollars in cash and Father gave the first fifty dollars to help build the Amusement Hall. Mother would always rather give than receive and was always happy in doing good to others.

Her posterity consists of three sons and three daughters, twenty six grand children, and four great grand children, eight grand children having died. She died January 24 JAN. 1917, in our judgement having spent a usefull life. We, her children appreciate the example she set before us and are thankful for such noble parentage. May the memory of the happy days spent with them ever remain with us.

Father was born March 9, 1840, in Nottinghamshire, England.

Written by Sarah E. Giles Murdock, a daughter.

March 15, 1932

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